

## **Accessible Loading Zone - Ellington Drive**

**Date:** November 5, 2025

**To:** Scarborough Community Council

**From:** Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation

**Wards:** Ward 21, Scarborough Centre

### **SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting approval for the installation of a designated on-street accessible loading zone on the east side of Ellington Drive, between Lawrence Avenue East and Guild Hall Drive. The accessible loading zone will operate from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The establishment of this accessible loading zone (ALZ) will provide unimpeded curbside access for the Wheel-Trans users in the subject area.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Scarborough Community Council designate an accessible loading zone to be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Ellington Drive, between a point 112 metres south of Guild Hall Drive and a point 13.5 metres further south.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The signage costs associated with the proposed installation of the accessible loading zone is approximately \$500.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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Transportation Services received a request from an accessible permit holder to investigate the feasibility of installing a designated on-street accessible loading zone in the vicinity of their residence on Ellington Drive, between Lawrence Avenue East and Guild Hall Drive. The accessible loading zone will allow curbside access for accessible vehicles equipped with a side or rear loading ramp (e.g., Wheel-Trans) and permit holders during pick-up/drop-off scenarios.

### **Existing Conditions**

This segment of Ellington Drive is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-way, north-south, collector roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 700 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the streets

The surrounding land use on Ellington Drive consists of single-family residential dwellings as well as Wexford Heights United Church and car dealership at the south end of Ellington Drive.

The parking regulations on Ellington Drive, within the subject segment, are as follows:

#### **West side**

- No parking anytime, between Roselm Road and Guild Hall Drive
- No parking anytime, between Lawrence Avenue East and a point 30.5 metres north of Lawrence Avenue East

#### **East side**

- No parking anytime, between Lawrence Avenue East and a point 30.5 metres north of Lawrence Avenue East
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times, where permitted

## **Proposed Changes**

Transportation Services received a request from an accessible permit holder to investigate the feasibility of installing a designated on-street accessible loading zone on the east side of Ellington Drive, between Lawrence Avenue East and Guild Hall Drive. The accessible loading zone will allow unimpeded curbside access for accessible vehicles (e.g. Wheel-Trans) equipped with a side or rear loading ramp.

Transportation Services provides designated on-street accessible loading zones as a convenience for people with physical impairments, disabilities and/or for those who transport them, making it easier for them to locate a pick-up/drop-off space, as near as possible to their residence or intended destinations and reduce the distances that the person with the physical impairment or disability must walk. An accessible loading zone is recommended on the east side of Ellington Drive, between Lawrence Avenue East and Guild Hall Drive. This accessible loading zone may be used by TTC Wheel-Trans or any vehicle displaying a valid "Accessible Parking Permit" while actively engaged in the pick-up or drop-off of a person with accessibility requirements.

The installation of the proposed accessible loading zone will remove two on-street parking spaces during weekday morning and afternoon peak periods within the above-noted segment of Ellington Drive. These spaces will continue to be available for parking outside noted hours. As such, this installation will have a minimal impact on the public right-of-way and local traffic or parking operations.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendation in this report.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENT**

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Attachment 1: Map - Proposed Accessible Loading Zone - Ellington Drive

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